********* SHORT STORY OF THE DAY

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"What do you think, girls; that old maid, Hepsibah Springer, is going to dance at our May festival! Did you ever hear of anything more ridiculous?" And Dorothy Palmer tossed her head disdainfully at the thought of what to her seemed an unwarrantable proceeding.
"Oh, do tell us all about it, Dolly dear.

Come, tell us all you know."
"Well, that will not take her very long," chimed in one of the sweet girls, who did not regard Dorothy in a very favorable

light. "I mean, of course, dear, it will not take you long to tell the story, for it is well known you have a wonderful fac-uity of condensing a vast amount of in-formation in a few most refreshingly pun-

ulty of condensing a vast amount of information in a few most refreshingly pungent remarks."

"As far as I am privileged to express an opinion I think that Dolly is a little bit envious of poor Miss Hepsey's charms," said another, "Are you fearful that she may win your Jack from you, dear?"

"If you girls will only be quiet," remarked Dorothy, "I will tell you the little I know. To-day I went to Miss Villers dancing class to practice the Maypole trot, and who should walk in but Hepsey. Miss Villiers had one of her wretched headaches and was about to dismiss the class, when what did that antiquated maiden do but step forward and volunteer to put the young folks through their paces.

"Well, in justice to our village spinster, she knows a thing or two about steps, and Villiers became so interested that she forgot her headache and was most profuse in her compliments. 'My dear Miss Hepsey,' she said, 'I thought myself capable of teaching these children, but here are you capable of teaching me. Will you not continue to assist me? Will you not introduce some old-time dance? It will be such an innovation." "I have not danced for years,' answered

innovation."

"I have not danced for years,' answered Hepsey, and would you believe it, girls, there were tears in the poor old creature's eyes. 'But,' she added, 'I will comply with your request. Let me have my choice of these people and I will put them through the evolutions of a minuet. We will costume in old-fashion clothes suitable for an old-fashion dance. I myself, can wear a dress in which I last danced the minuetalmost forty years ago."

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The girls chatted merrily over the affair, and I am afraid poor Miss Hepsey was ridiculed without stint. But Hepsey went about her preparations for the dance with methodical precision. The chosen few who were to be in her set met nightly at her little cotage, and to the melody of Mozart's "Don Juan," squeaked out of a wheavy-toned plano, went through the movements of the stately number in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

At last the night of the dance arrived. The town hall was peopled to its fullest capacity, for nearly every family in that and adjacent villages had a representative in one or another of the various dances. Many were there who remembered Miss Hepsey when she was a much younger woman. The gossips chattered among themselves and raked their memories, recalling events in her early life. Some of them hinted at the cause of her state of single blessedness, if such it could be called, and everyone was curious to see her dance.

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Miss Hepsey was late in appearing, and her entrance was the cause of no little excitement and some admiration. She wore an old rose silk-quilted petiticat, with an elaborately figured silk overdress. An old lace kerchief was folded over her breast, and on her feet were high-heeled, white silppers somewhat yellowed with age. To crown all, her scant hair was arranged over a cushion. That hair needed no powder; it was already as white as newly-fallen snow. Miss Villiers herself came forward to greet Miss Hepsey.

"Oh. my dear!" she said. "Whatever shall we do? Your partner has not come. I am afraid you will be very much annoyed, but the best we can do is to find a substitute for him. A Mr. Brooks, a new arrival in the village, has proffered his services. Do you mind?"

If anyone had closely observed Hepsey at that moment it would have been noticed that a tinge of color had crept into her unusually colorless face.

"At such a time as this one cannot choose," she said. "There is no other alternative. Mr. Brooks is very kind. I have no doubt that I will find him a most acceptable partner."

A moment later she found herself curt-seying to a stately old gentleman, who was attred in small clothes, appropriate to the costume of his partner. There was no time for any further exchange of formalities, for just then the orchestra began playing the Mozart air and the dance began. Poor Miss Hepsey was the personification of the grace of the old school. The audience applauded her every movement, and at the conclusion of the number it had to be repeated. Those who came to scoff remained to admire, and Hepsey, for reasons best known to herself, was supremely happy. It was not long after that when she left was not lo repeated. Those who came to scoff remainded to admire, and Hepsey, for reasons best known to herself, was supremely happy. It was not long after that when she left her little cottage and went to live as mistress at the Grange, the finest residence in the place. Then the truth was revealed. Mr. Brooks was none other than the sweetheart of Hepsey's youth. The two had ouarreled after having danced a minuet, and he had gone away. After forty years, rich, yet faithful, he returned to the woman of his choice. In this last minuet all the unpleasantness of the past was forgotten and a reconciliation had been the result.

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NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Luin Robinson, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the probate court of the county of Jackson, state of Missouri, ast Kansas City, on the 7th day of February, 1899. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit the same to the undersigned for allowance, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate, and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication they will be forever barred.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1899.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION—Kansas City, Mo., February 25th, 1899. A special meeting of the common council of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby called to meet at the council chambers, upper house room and lower house room, in city hall building, corner Fourth and Main streets, Kansas City, Missouri, on the 27th day of E-bruary, 1899, at 7:30 p. m., sharp, for reasons then to be made known.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT—Notice is here-by given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of Henry B. Ridgeway, deceased, that I. Albert M. Sills, administrator of said estate, intend to make a final settlement thereof at the next term of the probate court of Jackson county, to be held at Kansas City Missouri, on the 18th day of May, 1899. ALBERT M. SILLS, Admr.

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